

Missouri Emergency Preparedness Assn. *Newsletter*

MEPA President's Report:

Dear MEPA Members and Friends:

How quickly time goes! It seems that the new MEPA Board was just placed in office and we are already talking about the Fall Conference scheduled for October 29-30, 2004 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. But during that time the Board has been very busy.



The Board has worked on a strategy to reach you, our members, and those of you reading this, our 'partners'. We have established working objectives for the next two years. We are also unveiling a very special recognition project. All of the details will be provided at the fall conference. Please try to attend this conference.

But in the meantime, one of the goals is to make our Area Board Representatives more accessible to you. The following is the list of your Board Members and the area that they serve. As you see, we need a Board Member for Area E. Suggestions are welcome.

President: **Susan Green**
Vice President: **Brian Carter**
Secretary: **Karen Eagleson**
Treasurer: **Diane Bahner**
Area A: **Stan Swaggert**
Area B: **John Hark**
Area C: **Graham Burnley**

Area D:

David Compton

Area H:

Dennis Johnson

Area E:

Vacant

Area I:

Jonathan Ayres

Area F:

Brad Strope

Past President:

Ann Hughes

Area G:

Ron Tost

SEMA: **Cathy Zumwalt, Jim Wakeman**

News from Troop G

The Ava/Douglas County Emergency Management and the American Red Cross Greater Ozarks Chapter conducted a volunteer training class in Ava on August 21, 2004. Kathy Nolder presented a two-hour orientation for Red Cross. Scott Emerson and Ron & Teresa Tost presented a six-hour class on "Response to Disasters." Twenty volunteers were certified.

Ava/Douglas County has 22 volunteers trained to help respond to both single-family disasters and local disasters. For the past three years, Ron and Teresa Tost responded to all single-family fires in Douglas County. If the Tosts were out of town, Chapter members from Springfield traveled to Douglas County to assist at fires.

Volunteers completing the certification are: Sharon & Farel Sikes, Billy Sue Yost, Billie Warm, Mike & Marty Frye, Larry & Vera Russell, Dan Wilson, Charles Roland, Homer & Diane Thrasher, Steve, Megan & Brandilynn Little, Lee & Willis Cantrell, Debra Wedbree and Mark Rueschmann.

The Ava/Douglas County Citizen Corp sent one Citizen Corps member to help in Florida. The Troop G HAZMAT Trailer has been displayed at fire departments and LEPC's meetings. Trained personnel show the equipment in the trailer and explaining on how the equipment is used. The Troop G HAZMAT Response organization is recruiting trained local emergency responders throughout Troop G to join the regional team.

